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Reminder that Commercial Harvest of Black Sea Bass Using Pot Gear is Allowed in the South Atlantic Starting May 1

Commercial fishermen who hold a valid Unlimited South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Permit **and the black sea bass endorsement** may harvest black sea bass, using pot gear, beginning 12:01 a.m. May 1, 2014. The annual November 1 through April 30 harvest prohibition with pot gear will conclude on May 1.

Other black sea bass regulations currently in place for the commercial sector include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A limit of 35 black sea bass pot tags issued to each endorsement holder each permit year.
- A requirement to bring black sea bass pots back to shore at the end of each trip.
- A 1,000-pound gutted weight (1,180-pound whole weight) commercial trip limit for the black sea bass commercial sector during the open season.
- A commercial minimum size limit for black sea bass of 11 inches total length.